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## In Their Own Words: Democrats' Goal Is Still Government-Run Health Care

*It may be that ultimately the effect of our bill is to lead the government to take further steps to increase coverage and control costs of health care. My boss still wants universal coverage with cost containment, so from his point of view, the foot in the door is a good thing.*

Aide to Senator Ted Kennedy,  
*Investor's Business Daily*, April 28, 1996

*We're going to get this done, and we're going to keep coming back at it. If we have a big sweep for the Democrats in the House and the Senate, we'll get single payer.*

Senator Ted Kennedy, October 21, 1996

*Now, what I tried before won't work. Maybe we can do [the Clinton health plan] in another way. That's what we've tried to do, a step at a time, until we finish this.*

President Bill Clinton, September 15, 1997

*Al Gore is the only candidate committed to moving this country step-by-step to universal health, starting by covering every child by the year 2004.*

Senator Ted Kennedy, August 15, 2000

*We will move toward universal health coverage, step by step, starting with all children.*

Vice President Al Gore, August 17, 2000

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